

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD/COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 5, 2002

BOARD PRESENT: Dennis Farrell, Pat Haukohl, Vera Stroud, Duane Stamsta, Joe Griffin, Richard Wutt, John Guy, and Jo Ann Weidmann. ABSENT: Mary Baer and Duane Paulson.

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kenneth Herro, James Jeskewitz, Sandra Wolff, Mareth Kipp, Paul Pronold, and Alicia Silva. ABSENT: Carl Seitz

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2002

MOTION: Mareth Kipp, seconded by Paul Pronold, made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2002. Motion voted on and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ken Herro indicated that there was a light agenda for that meeting but they did visit a Community Development Block Grant home development site: Phoenix Heights in Waukesha. They heard a report on the highway operations audit in the Public Works Department. A copy is available in the County Board Office for review.

LONG TERM CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sandra Wolff is on the statewide committee. They discussed the banking of beds in nursing homes. They are looking at this issue because once a nursing home closes a bed, it is available for CIPI slot. If it is banked they don't get a CIPI slot. Sometimes when a nursing home closes, the county doesn't have much time to get to the residents to let them know their options which cause them to have a limited access to the waivers program. One of the recommendations was to send a letter to the new Secretary of Health and Family Services when an appointment is made by the new Governor. The counties want to have the option to deny the banking of the bed by the nursing home. They are also recommending that the time period for the 120 beds is 120 days and then the county will have an opportunity to assist the clients of nursing homes that are going out of business. They also want 180 days of time before a 200-bed unit can close. The county should be informed of the status of the client and the family so they have a choice of where to go. The departments should allow residents to move temporarily and hold the CIPI slots open. They recommend that if a bed is banked that it then be reopened again for CIPI slot status.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 157 -0-095: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL STATE OF WISCONSIN PASSTHROUGH FUNDING WITHIN THE WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MOTION: Mareth Kipp, seconded by Sandra Wolff, made a motion to approve the above-mentioned ordinance. The motion was voted on and approved.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Wutt announced that NAMI held its annual Christmas party at St. Mary's Church. Everyone had a great time.

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MOTION: Dick Wutt, seconded by John Guy, made a motion to approve minutes of November 14, 2002. The motion was voted on and passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Environmental health
Budget Concerns
Norwalk Virus

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Council -JoAnn Weidmann gave an update to the committee concerning Public Health. They will come out with recommendations next week and they don't think it will go anywhere because of the budget problem everyone is having. With the change of administration in Madison, they will see a lot of changes. We should try and pull in some of our legislative people and see if we have the infrastructure for all of the recommendations coming to us in the near future. The Health Council is beginning a health initiative on heart health, exercise, nutrition and smoking cessation with WCTC.

Public Health Advisory at the State -John Chapin will probably not be reappointed and move on as the Bureau Chief of Health Care Information. This group is currently in an oversight role for both the Public Health State Plan and oversight over the Bureau grant to make sure the money is being spent properly. Chapin is leading the revolt of six states. They have regular concerns about liability and information management. That will become public information in the near future as the bioterrorism immunization issue unfolds.

Nursing Shortage -JoAnn Weidmann also stated that there is a great shortage of nurses everywhere.

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Dick Wutt, Chair of the JCC asked for a motion to approve the appointment and reappointment of the entire list of psychiatrists of the Clinical Services Division.

MOTION: John Guy, seconded by Pat Haukohl, made a motion to approve all of the appointments and reappointments. Motion was voted on and approved.

COMBINED AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION AND A COMMUNITY POLICING OVERVIEW

Captain Eric Severson gave an overview of drugs circulating throughout Waukesha County. He said for \$20 you can buy one Ecstasy pill and get 24 hours of a delightful high that causes extreme body heat, a need to grind your teeth, use a stress ball on lollypops or pacifiers, an extreme need for water which can also cause death in some cases of individuals ingesting too much water, loss of inhibitions, a desire to use glow sticks because of the wonderful visual sensation and make the user feel a great need to be rubbed, touched, sucked on and kissed. Accompanying these less than admirable accoutrements is also the potential of joy (Vicks Vapor Rub) and inhalants of the same. The manufacturer uses a stamp on each pill that gives the user the idea that there is some kind of quality control that it isn't one of the "dirty drugs" like heroin or crack cocaine. It is a deadly drug that can cause death the first time you take it, or for others, the 10th time you take it. It causes the brain to develop holes in it and, if we are not proactive in stopping such behavior, we will have another generation of young adults who cannot function as participating adults in the real world. The pill causes extreme highs by releasing Serotonin in the brain and then after using it for a while it breaks down the ability of the brain to keep the Serotonin returning to the brain in its natural function. The individuals are then extremely depressed for longer periods of time. This is an extremely dangerous drug.

HUMAN SERVICES RESPITE CARE: WHAT IS IT? WHO BENEFITS?

Jack Bodieng gave an overview of the Long Term Care Division's Respite Care. It is a service offered through United Cerebral Palsy for families caring for disabled children. They are allocated five days per year. There will be 16 families on the waiting list for services next year. Jesus Mireles explained how the

Children & Family Services Division utilizes respite care for children at risk of being placed out of the home because of various problems. St. Aemilian's provides the contract. If the professionals assigned to the child's case feel the family needs a respite from dealing with the problems of the child, staff will request some respite care. They are allocated 30 days per year. They find that 80% of the families using respite will avoid out of home placement. Mike DeMares and Jesus Mireles work together to provide mentoring services and respite care for children that are highly volatile and the families use the respite care for extreme cases of crisis with the children that are seriously emotionally disturbed. These respite times cannot be planned for. St. Aemilian's has crisis mentoring services of trained adults that are offered when a crisis is on and they will send a mentor who will provide a two-hour respite to work one-on-one with the child in crisis. The crisis respite offers some flexibility. There are 17 children eligible for crisis respite. These are services provided to families caring for children with very difficult problems. This front-end service saves bigger dollars that would be necessary if these children were in out-of-home placements, the institution or other places.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)

Held over until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Paul Pronold, seconded by Alicia Silva, made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. The motion was voted on and approved.

Recorded by Monica West.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Silva
Secretary for the Committee